

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM TO THE HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

Subject: The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real
Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970

1. All persons displaced as a result of Federal programs are eligible immediately for payments and assistance authorized by the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Land Acquisition Policies Act of 1970. Individuals displaced by State agencies, in connection with Federally assisted projects, shall be eligible for the benefits authorized by this Act as soon as States are able under their laws to comply with it, in no case later than July 1, 1972.
2. Regulations and procedures authorized by Section 213 of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 shall be issued by Federal agencies pursuant to guidelines promulgated by the Office of Management and Budget.
3. Guidelines for implementing agencies' regulations will be developed by a task force, chaired by the Office of Management and Budget, comprised of representatives of the Departments of Justice, Transportation, Defense and Housing and Urban Development and the General Services Administration.
4. The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development will develop and issue criteria for the guidance of all agency heads for determining when it is necessary to take action to construct replacement housing as authorized by Section 206(a) of the Act and the Secretary will also develop and issue procedures for agencies to follow in carrying out this authority.
5. The authority vested by Section 203(b) in Federal agencies administering mortgage insurance programs to insure mortgages of displacees without regard to their age, physical condition, or other characteristics will not be used until the effects of this authority on the integrity of the mortgage insurance funds are determined. Heads of agencies administering such insurance programs will immediately initiate studies and

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report to the Office of Management and Budget no later than June 30, 1971 the affect of this provision, its cost, and recommendations concerning how soon the program can be implemented and how additional costs should be financed.

6. The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development will develop and issue criteria and procedures for implementing Section 215 of this Act concerning loans for planning and other preliminary expenses for additional housing. Federal agencies will not use the authority vested by Section 215 until advised by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

7. The Office of Management and Budget shall form a Relocation Assistance Advisory Committee. The Committee shall be chaired by the Office of Management and Budget, and include representatives of the Federal agencies with the major Federal or federally assisted programs displacing individuals, businesses, and farms. This Committee will continually review the Government's relocation program, make recommendations concerning changes to the Office of Management and Budget's guidelines to Federal agencies for implementing the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Land Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, and make recommendations for new legislation.

8. Federal agencies will immediately instruct officials responsible for programs displacing individuals that all persons displaced after the enactment of the Uniform Relocation and Land Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, should be advised of their entitlement to the new benefits authorized and payments will be made promptly when agencies' regulations are issued in accordance with guidelines promulgated by the Office of Management and Budget.

